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Commentary by BG Gary H. Cheek, Warrior Transition Command commanding general, on the Army's 234<sup>th</sup> Birthday ▶ [Article](#)



Twenty finalists will vie for 2009 Military Long Drive Championship ▶ [Article](#)

## The Army celebrates the Army's 234th Birthday



Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr., Col. Arthur Wittich (the oldest Soldier serving in the military district of Washington), Deputy Secretary of Defense William Lynn, Secretary of the Army Pete Geren, Pvt. Rex Vaughn (the youngest Soldier serving in the military district of Washington), and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston cut the Army's 234th birthday cake during a celebration at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., on June 12, 2009. "Our Army's history is a proud one. At its heart, it is a story of people . . . a story of ordinary men and women willing to do extraordinary things for our country," said Casey. ▶ [Photo](#)

### Army birthday celebrations around the Army:

Presidio of Monterey ▶ [Coverage](#) USAG Yongsan ▶ [Coverage](#)  
Fort Lee ▶ [Coverage](#) Camp Darby ▶ [Coverage](#)  
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Wounded Warriors visit SMDC/ARSTRAT ▶ [Coverage](#) Alaska ▶ [Coverage](#)

### Rock Island Arsenal: Nearly 3,000 attend Army Soldier Show

The 2009 edition of The U.S. Army Soldier show brought nearly



3,000 people to the i-wireless Center May 20. "This is just an outstanding opportunity for us to give back to the Quad Cities," said Rock Island Arsenal Garrison Manager Joel Himsl. "This is a perfect end to the outpouring of community support we received from Military Appreciation Week here in the Quad Cities."

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200 leaders work through Aberdeen  
Proving Ground transformation issues

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71st Chemical team gives pacific new  
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Memorial marking WWII air tragedy makes  
its way to Fort Myer ► [Article](#)

Army takes new approach to suicide  
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Fort Eustis breaks ground for new  
TRADOC complex ► [Article](#)

Fort Belvoir: Garrison staff training to  
prepare for growth, traffic ► [Article](#)



Wounded Warriors participate in Virginia's  
'Ride 2 Recovery' ► [Article](#)

Fort Riley Transportation Office nets  
Army-level award ► [Article](#)

Mullen: Warfighters, Families, wounded  
warriors drive budget request ► [Article](#)

Director of AEC inducted into Aberdeen  
High School's Hall of Fame ► [Article](#)

## Covenant news



Wounded warrior program helping many  
Sgt. 1st Class Juanita Wilson, an Army  
Wounded Warrior Program advocate who lost  
her left hand in combat, enjoys continuing to  
serve as a mentor. ► [Article](#)

Hawaii: Couples reconnect and work to  
'fireproof' their marriages ► [Article](#)

## Wounded warriors tackle diving



"If I can do this, I can do  
anything!" is the motto for  
wounded warriors  
participating in disabled  
sports. Six wounded  
warriors reinforced this  
belief by receiving their  
open-water diving  
certification from Soldiers  
Undertaking Disabled Scuba

at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, May 21-26. The SUDS  
program, based out of Walter Reed Army Medical Center,  
Washington, D.C., and National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda,  
Md., is designed to help improve the lives of injured Soldiers  
returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. John Thompson, SUDS  
president and certified scuba instructor, has certified 140 injured  
service members in three years with the program. "It's the most  
rewarding project I have ever been involved in," he said. "Many  
things are just easier to do in the water with these types of severe  
injuries." ► [Article](#)

## Bamberg: Military police, polizei strengthen traditions, teamwork



A good working relationship is not  
something that develops overnight; it  
can take weeks, months or years to  
develop. So, when Bamberg's Military  
Police and Polizei joined together for an  
evening of bowling June 2, the more  
than three decade bond between the  
law enforcement organizations was  
reinforced. Thirty-five years ago, the  
Military Police and Polizei began the

traditional get-together with a barbecue, said Polizei Detective  
Robert Exner. The annual bowling event takes place during  
German-American Friendship Week. ► [Article](#)

## Grafenwoehr training area offers high stress, high rewards for deploying Soldiers

About 70 Sky Soldiers from the Headquarters and Headquarters



Company, 173rd  
Airborne Brigade  
Combat Team, ran  
through a stress-fire  
lane at the  
Grafenwoehr Training  
Area May 9, 2009.  
"I was moving kind of  
slow," said U.S. Army  
SpC. Michael Dickey,  
a soldier from  
Vicenza, Italy. "My  
sergeants were

yelling at me, but that's what they are supposed to do. It motivates  
me, makes me better." ► [Article](#)



USAG Baden-Wuerttemberg reaches out through virtual community ▶ [Article](#)

Yongsan Readiness Center completes mission ▶ [Article](#)

Company D sweeps Old Guard's Soldier and NCO of the Year competition ▶ [Article](#)

Fort McPherson: Army's commanders focus on Soldier and Family readiness, future challenges ▶ [Article](#)

More than just fancy footwork: Heidelberg women learn to fend off attackers during self-defense class ▶ [Article](#)

Schofield Barracks: Parents learn to teach children ▶ [Article](#)

## Year of the NCO news

Fort Leavenworth troops named Combined Arms Center NCO, Soldier of the Year ▶ [Article](#)



Oldest NCO academy in the Army molds tomorrow's leaders ▶ [Article](#)

ATC NCOs see their mission as much more than '9 to 5' job ▶ [Article](#)

Brussels NCO attains education milestone ▶ [Article](#)

Fort Stewart: Year of the NCO Spotlight: The Pride of a Soldier ▶ [Article](#)

Army War College graduates will carry on lessons learned to fellow Soldiers, NCOs ▶ [Article](#)

3rd Sustainment Bde. NCOS Take Trip to the Past ▶ [Article](#)

Hohenfels: Retiring command sergeant major credits, thanks NCOs, Soldiers for successful career ▶ [Article](#)

Preston shares lessons learned with Army War College grads, NCOs ▶ [Article](#)

Fort Polk: Louisiana NCO laid to rest almost 67 years after leaving home ▶ [Article](#)

## Wiesbaden High graduates mark rite of passage



### in historic German Kurhaus

"It's been a long coming, but here it is." With these words, Wiesbaden High School Senior Class President Cody Fischer welcomed the Class of 2009 to commencement exercises in the Wiesbaden Kurhaus June 7. The capacity crowd filled the ornate hall up into the balcony seating. Speakers reflected on what it means to make the transition from high school and bid farewell to several long-time teachers and administrators who will retire or move on to other schools next school year. "We have finally made it - we come together at this time to say goodbye," said Salutatorian Alan Gray. ▶ [Article](#)

## Bamberg's solar panel implementation supports DoD



The installment of solar panels at the energy plant on USAG Bamberg's Warner Barracks isn't just increasing energy efficiency, it's supporting the Department of Defense's Energy Conservation Investment Program. The solar panels grand opening ceremony was May 27, the day the post celebrated Earth Day. "All Earth Day activities are designed to instill a sense of environmental responsibility in our children and so it is very fitting for us to have this ceremony today as it puts a responsible use of energy resources into practice," said Lt. Col. Gary A. Rosenberg, commander of USAG Bamberg commander, at the solar panel grand opening ceremony. "For garrisons, the Army has a voluntary goal with regard to electricity from renewable sources of 25 percent by 2025. The installation of the solar panels brings us much closer to that goal." ▶ [Article](#)



## Camp Red Cloud Commander applauds workforce

Col. Larry 'Pepper' Jackson, USAG Red Cloud commander, and members of the USAG Casey and Red Cloud chain of command spoke to the directorates and others in attendance during the quarterly Workforce Town Hall meeting May 19. The main focus of the meeting was to give Jackson a chance to re-emphasize the garrison's mission in Area I: USAG-Red Cloud optimizes installation services to support readiness and well-being for service members, civilians, and Families. Other subjects addressed were events in Warrior Country and what to expect in the near future. ▶ [Article](#)





## Transformation Quiz # 7

All IMCOM employees who volunteer to stay with the command are guaranteed a job offer. Which of the following is NOT one of the three types of job offer you might receive?

- a. *Direct match—same or similar job*
- b. *Change to lower grade—to qualify for a new job*
- c. *Other match—restructured job to enable an offer*
- d. *Indirect match—same or similar functional family*

Answers will appear weekly on the IMCOM Transformation Web page ([click here](#)). The answer to this question is in the briefing slides presented at the May 27 town hall meeting, available on the IMCOM Transformation Web site ([click here](#)).

## Force protection news

EVERYBODY IS A SENSOR.

Observe and report: ■Suspicious activity or suspected surveillance ■Unusual questions relating to capabilities, limitations or operations ■Unsolicited phone calls, messages, or e-mails ■Possible compromise of sensitive information ■Suspicious vehicle activity in or around the installation

## Safety news

Fort Rucker: June is National Safety Month  
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Fort Lee: Force protection ▶ [Article](#)

JSIVA: Red Cloud has best antiterrorism program ▶ [Article](#)

Blue Grass Army Depot employees recognized for life-saving efforts ▶ [Article](#)

U.S. Army Central wins safety award  
▶ [Article](#)

Redstone on safety ▶ [Article](#)

## Installation paper of the week



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## Fort Jackson college graduates honored on post

Nine college graduates were recognized in a ceremony at Fort



Jackson. "We understand the schools have their own graduations, but we decided as a committee to recognize the military members who have graduated," said Wilfred Jeffcoat, director of military programs for Midlands Technical College and

ceremony chairman. Students from several of Fort Jackson's tenant institutions, including Midlands Tech, University of South Carolina, Troy University and Webster University participated. ▶ [Article](#)

## 5-25 Rangers represent division and Fort Polk at Best Ranger competition



It takes a grueling competition to test the best the U.S. Army has to offer. A two-man team of officers from 5th Battalion, 25th Field Artillery Regiment -- 1st Lt. Grant Barge and Capt. Robert Killian -- competed in and completed the 26th Annual Best Ranger Competition at Fort Benning, Ga., May 8-10. Barge,

a platoon leader with Battery A and marathon runner from West Palm Beach, Fla., and Killian, a battalion signal officer and world-class triathlete from Charleston, S.C., finished in 23rd place. "We didn't win by any stretch [of the imagination], but certainly more than half didn't even make it to the end," said Barge. "So we hold our heads up on that account." ▶ [Article](#)

## USAG Kaiserslautern: Focus groups bridge customers' voice

It's USAG Kaiserslautern customers who have the power to improve community services. A garrison customer is anyone who lives, works or plays on Army installations in the Kaiserslautern military community, said Emma Vinson, the garrison's customer service officer. "[It's a] great initiative, and I feel this focus group has a potential to develop and improve services for our retirees and their families," said Don Gwinn, the garrison's civilian misconduct officer, who attended the first retiree focus group May 12. Quarterly focus groups, known as Community FIRST (Feedback, Issues, Resolutions, Solutions, Today), are the third approach to the IMCOM's new Customer Management Services. This program started in the Kaiserslautern military community in October. ▶ [Article](#)



Finnie Richardson, with the U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern's Military Personnel Division, talks about an issue at the retiree focus group held May 12 in Bldg. 2917 on Pulaski Barracks.

